



## German-Iraqi Scholarship for Master and PhD

### Scholarships

The Iraqi-German scholarship programme will be run annually. It is aimed at candidates for Master's and Doctoral studies. While the program is open to all academic subjects, applications in medicine are limited to non-clinical studies (e.g. public health). The scholarship covers living costs and study costs, including German language courses. As scholarships are supported by Iraqi and German funding, the applicants must go through Iraqi and German phases in the application process. The first is the Nomination Phase. Only applicants who are nominated by the MoHESR can then apply to the DAAD in the Qualification Phase. Applicants who pass the strict academic assessment in the Selection Phase will be granted a scholarship in the Award Phase.

## 1.

### Nomination Phase

You have decided that you want to study in Germany and apply for a MoHESR-DAAD scholarship: Please check the rules below to make sure that you can apply.

First, you must be nominated for a scholarship. Only the Iraqi Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research (MoHESR) in Baghdad can nominate you. Before writing your application, you must make sure that you meet the MoHESR's requirements. This checklist will help you:

#### Do I meet the requirements?

If you answer 'yes' to all the questions below, you can apply for a scholarship.

- + Are you an Iraqi citizen and a permanent resident of Iraq?
- + MA/MSc applicants: Did you score at least 70% in your BA/BSc degree?
- + PhD applicants: Did you score at least 70% in your MA/MSc degree?

- + Have you worked for at least two years in government institutions?
- + Are you willing to sign a ("Kafala") كفايلة which commits you to return to Iraq after your studies to enter into governmental administration service?
- + Are you willing to attend an interview at the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research in Baghdad?

*Note:* You must *not* be accepted for post-graduate studies in Iraq! You must *not* apply simultaneously for other Iraqi scholarship programs (e.g. "Program Prime Minister's Office").

If you can answer 'yes' to all of the above questions, you can apply and should collect *three* copies of each of the following for the MoHESR:

- + Letter of nomination from the institution or office of your choice with the following information: full name, date of birth, academic title, average result of your latest degree, years of government service
- + MA/MSc applicants: Certificate of Bachelor degree
- + PhD applicants: Certificate of Master's degree
- + Colour copy of A or G passport
- + Copy of Certificate of Iraqi nationality
- + Copy of Civil Status Identity (authenticated English translation)
- + International Health Report (authenticated English translation)
- + Curriculum Vitae
- + MA/MSc applicants: Master's research proposal
- + PhD applicants: abstract of Master's thesis and PhD research proposal
- + Letters of reference from university professors in English
- + Certificate of English language proficiency, TOEFL or IELTS (at least 400 for PhD and 450 for Master) or IELTS (5.0 at least)
- + Three Passport photos

#### Where do I apply?

Submit *three* copies of all application documents to the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research (MoHESR).

Please send written documents to the following address:

Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research (MoHESR)  
Department of Scholarships and Cultural Relations  
Section of Studies outside Iraq  
Unit of Fellowships



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Address: Department Missions and Cultural Relations Building -  
Andalus Square - Al Nidal Street - Baghdad, Iraq  
Telephone number: +964 (0) 770 99 66 33 7  
Office hours: 8.30 am to 2 pm  
Working days: Sunday to Thursday  
Applications can be submitted from 9 am to 12 pm

Please send documents by e-mail to:  
[scholarshipdaad@yahoo.com](mailto:scholarshipdaad@yahoo.com)

After your documents and eligibility are checked, you may be invited to the MoHESR for an interview.

MoHESR will select suitable candidates and send a list to the DAAD in Germany. Note that all further correspondence with the DAAD will be by email in *English*.

The deadline for applications is *15 June 2011*.

### *Final Check*

Your scholarship application will only be considered if you have fulfilled *all* the criteria.

- + Collect THREE COPIES of all the documents (certificates, nomination letter, CV, etc.) necessary for your application
- + Submit your application to the MoHESR
- + Present yourself to the MoHESR by *15 June 2011 at the latest*

## 2.

### *Qualification Phase*

If you are successful at interview and nominated by the MoHESR, you will enter the Qualification Phase of the application. This nomination does not mean that you have been awarded to a scholarship.

You must now submit documents to the DAAD in Germany to show you meet the requirements. This is the most important part of your application. The DAAD will base their award on the quality of your study proposals and evidence of your motivation to study in Germany.

The deadline for submission is *1 September 2011*.

The DAAD will email you when they receive your application and all further correspondence with them will be by email in *English*. You *must* provide a valid email that you check *regularly*.

### *How do I apply?*

You must give *two* copies of each of the following:

- + Completed and signed DAAD application form (PDF download)
- + Curriculum Vitae
- + MA applicants: Personal motivation to study in Germany
- + MA applicants: Abstract of your Bachelor thesis
- + MA applicants: letter of admission to a Master's course at a German university. If you are not yet accepted on a course, you can still apply. You must include all your correspondence with at least three German universities
- + PhD applicants: letter of acceptance from one PhD supervisor (should match the topic of the research proposal)
- + PhD applicants: Detailed description of the study project (key questions) / Research proposal, agreed and signed by the future supervisor.
- + Two letters of reference (PDF download DAAD form)
- + Original certificate of English language test (TOEFL or IELTS), which may not be older than one year  
Minimum Score: TOEFL 450(MA) / 400(PhD); IELTS 5.0
- + Copy of A or G passport (photo page and full name required)

Officially authenticated copies of the following certificates:

- + School-leaving certificate
- + University diploma (BA/BSc or MA/MSc) indicating final grade, which must not be older than six years

Are all the documents complete? Post them to:  
DAAD, Section 445, Kennedyallee 50, 53175 Bonn, Germany  
Please note that no emails are accepted.

### *Remember to include:*

*Master's candidates:* List at least *three* universities that teach your subject where you would like to study. You must include with your application all your correspondence with these universities. You can post these documents send by email to:  
[irak@daad.de](mailto:irak@daad.de)

*Note:* This is the only part of your application that can be emailed.



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*PhD candidates:* You must get a letter of acceptance from a supervisor. This must be included with your application. You can post this document OR send by email to: [irak@daad.de](mailto:irak@daad.de)

*Note:* This is the only part of your application that can be emailed.

### Final Check

*Important:* your application for the MoHESR-DAAD scholarship can only be considered if you fulfil *all* the criteria.

Check all your steps again:

- + Choose universities that teach the subject you want to study
- + Prepare the documented e-mail correspondence with three universities (for MA/MSc students) or letter of acceptance (for PhD students)
- + Compile all the application documents necessary (certificates, covering letters, CV, etc.)
- + Submit your application to the DAAD *before 1 September 2011*

## 3.

### Selection Phase

In this phase, the applications are evaluated. The scholarships are awarded by an independent selection committee of noted university professors nominated by DAAD. Up to 100 scholarships can be awarded if enough qualified candidates apply.

First, DAAD shares out the applications based on their subjects. The committee will discuss candidates and come to a decision that is both fair and transparent. Delegations from the MoHESR and DAAD will also participate in the selection meetings which take place at DAAD Office in Bonn/Germany.

The selection committee will choose the successful candidates *by the end of December 2011*.

## 4.

### Award Phase

After the Selection Phase is complete, the DAAD informs all applicants of the final decision of the selection committee.

*Note:* You must give the DAAD a valid email address so they can contact you with their decision. Make sure you provide this address in your application.

The MoHESR is also informed of the results of the committee.

Successful applicants will receive a Letter of Award from the DAAD containing details of all the necessary next steps. You will be expected to apply for a visa as quickly as possible. The process takes four weeks.

After receiving confirmation of your award, you must be ready to move to Germany within two to six months. You will be expected to take a German language course prior to your academic studies starting.

You can find information about visas and moving to Germany in the Download section on [tabadul.de](http://tabadul.de)

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